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SUBJECT: LESOTHO NOT SNUBBING BOTSWANA

1. RAND DAILY MAIL ISSUE OF JULY 22 REPORTED THAT GOL HAS DELIBERATELY SNUBBED BOTSWANA BY HAVING KING MOSHOESHOE II ACCEPT INVITATION TO VISIT LIBERIA INSTEAD OF BOTSWANA ALTHOUGH KING HAD EARLIER OUTSTANDING INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT KHAMA. SNUB REPORTEDLY GIVEN BECAUSE OF GOL UNHAPPINESS OVER LESOTHO POLITICAL REFUGEES SHELTERING IN BOTSWANA.

2. AS FAR AS EMBASSY CAN DETERMINE, THERE IS NO BASIS FOR REPORT. KING'S VISIT TO LIBERIA WAS TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THAT COUNTRY'S NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS AND HE MAY WELL VISIT BOTSWANA LATER. GOL PROBABLY WAS SLIGHTLY UPSET THAT IN WAKE OF 1974 COUP THAT SOME POLITICAL REFUGEES (GOL CALLS THEM CRIMINAL FUGITIVES) MADE THEIR WAY TO OR THROUGH BOTSWANA, BUT THERE ARE NO CONVINCING INDICATIONS THAT LESOTHO/BOTSWANA RELATIONS WERE UNSETTLED AS A RESULT.
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